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**A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING  
AN INTERNAL REINFORCING DEVICE**

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicant hereby brings the following references to the attention of the Examiner. The references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

2. A copy of the patents listed on the modified PTO form 1449 are enclosed, unless otherwise indicated.

3. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.

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